COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
MONTH OF DECEMBER 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Continued warm and dry weather during the month of December was interspersed with minimal seasonal snowfall across the state. Reporters in all districts noted that insignificant moisture was received during the past month and that snow was too cold to contain much moisture content. In northeastern counties, reporters expressed concern that dry conditions accompanied by cold snaps without the benefit of snow cover might have hurt fall seeded wheat. In southwest, southeast, and San Luis Valley counties, reporters noted dry conditions dominated the past month, but that feed supplies were adequate due to less snow cover on grazed range. Across the state, rangeland conditions were reported as declining due to dry conditions. Livestock are reported to be in good condition with sufficient feed supplies and availability of winter grazing where snow cover is not a hindrance. As of January 1, 2018, snowpack in Colorado was at 56 percent measured as percent of median snowfall.

Monthly reports will be released for January on Monday, January 29, 2018; and for February on Monday, February 26, 2018.

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current report	Previous report	Previous year	5-year average
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	18	2	10	NA
Short	42	19	36	NA
Adequate	40	78	52	NA
Surplus	--	1	2	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	16	3	10	NA
Short	33	22	34	NA
Adequate	51	74	55	NA
Surplus	--	1	1	NA

NA – not available

(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current report	Previous report	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range				
Very poor	2	1	1	NA
Poor	15	15	26	NA
Fair	34	25	43	NA
Good	44	46	27	NA
Excellent	5	13	3	NA
Winter wheat				
Very poor	6	2	2	NA
Poor	15	5	23	NA
Fair	31	27	35	NA
Good	43	52	38	NA
Excellent	5	14	2	NA
Livestock				
Very poor	--	--	1	NA
Poor	5	1	3	NA
Fair	21	11	14	NA
Good	67	81	72	NA
Excellent	7	7	10	NA

NA – not available

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